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§5–502.

(a) The General Assembly declares that:

- (1) minor children are not capable of protecting themselves; and
- (2) when a parent has relinquished the care of the parent's minor child to others, there is a possibility of certain risks to the child that require compensating measures.

(b) It is the policy of this State:

- (1) to protect minor children whose care has been relinquished to others by the children's parent;
- (2) to resolve doubts in favor of the child when there is a conflict between the interests of a minor child and the interests of an adult; and
- (3) to encourage the development of child care services for minor children in a safe, healthy, and homelike environment.

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